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## STRADIVARI MEMORIAL CONCERT SET FOR DECEMBER 19

Pianist Jorge Bolet and double bassist Donald Palma will join the Juilliard String Quartet for the Library's annual concert in memory of Antonio Stradivari, who died on December 18, 1737. The concert, to be held Tuesday evening, December 19, is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation.

Mr. Bolet, who is renowned for his interpretations of the piano repertoire of the 19th century, last appeared at the Library of Congress with the Juilliard String Quartet in December 1976. Donald Palma, a former member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, is currently a member of the Speculum Musicae, the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, the Group for Contemporary Music, and the Orpheus Chamber Ensemble. He also serves as principal bassist for the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the American Composers Orchestra.

Members of the Juilliard String Quartet–Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Joel Krosnick, violoncello–will be using Stradivari instruments presented to the Library of Congress by Gertrude Clarke Whittall in 1935-36. The program will include *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the Sonata for violoncello and piano by Sergei Rachmaninoff, and the Quintet in A major for violin, viola, cello, double bass, and piano, D.667 ("The Trout") by Franz Schubert.

The concert on Tuesday evening will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St. N.W. (Campbell's) beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday of the previous week, December 11. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

The same program will be offered on Monday evening, December 18, to guests of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation. The concert will be broadcast by radio station WETA-FM at a later date, and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

## AACR 2 PUBLICATION DATE NAMED

The second edition of *Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules* will be published on December 7. Orders from the United States or its possessions may be addressed to the American Library Association, Order Department, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611. It will be available either casebound for $15 (ISBN 0-8389-3210-X) or in paperback for $10 (ISBN 0-8389-3211-8). ALA will also sell the unbound sheets for $12.50.

Orders from Canada may be addressed to the Canadian Library Association, 151 Sparks St., Ottawa, Ontario KIP 5E3, Canada (casebound, 0-88802-121-6 and paperback, 0-88802-122-4).

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Orders from the United Kingdom may be addressed to Library Association, 7 Ridgmount St., London WCIE 7AE, England (casebound, 0-85365-681-9 and paperback, 0-85365-691-6). Price information for editions available either from the Canadian Library Association or the Library Association is available from the appropriate organization.

## NAME AUTHORITY RECORDS PUT IN MACHINE-READABLE FORM

On October 10, the Library began the preparation for conversion to machine-readable form of existing name authority records in the English Language Section III, Descriptive Cataloging Division. Catalogers in this section are preparing for conversion all name authority records that have not previously been added to the automated name authorities system but the headings for which are needed on records currently being cataloged.

The initial implementation by a single section was decided in order to test the procedures developed for both descriptive catalogers and MARC input and verification staff. Additional sections are now being added on a phased basis.

Machine-readable retrospective authority records will differ from such records for newly established headings in that the only source citation will be the work for which the heading was originally established. In addition, any biographical or historical information found in any source cited on the manual authority card will be combined into a single epitome note. Once converted to machine-readable form, however, retrospective records will be handled as any other record, that is, any additions or corrections will be made in full.

With the retrospective authority records, coding for AACR 2 also began. Such coding for new records will probably begin in January. In essence, if the heading is in accord with the provisions of AACR 2 or is AACR 2-compatible, a code indicating the situation is provided in the record for the heading. If the heading is neither AACR 2 nor AACR 2-compatible, a reference is added and appropriately coded. In the latter situation, the heading itself is not assigned a rule designation unless it has been used on a serial record. In this case, as the result of CONSER agreements, headings will continue to be designated ALA or AACR 1, as appropriate. In all cases in assigning codes, AACR 2 or AACR 2-compatible will take precedence over either ALA or AACR 1.

## STAFF NEWS

AWARDS

During November, 24 Library of Congress staff members completed 10 years of service and received **Federal Service Award** pins:

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| Rita W. Aufricht | Examining Division |
| Susie R. Benson | Central Services Division |
| John H. Broadbent | Photoduplication Service |
| Corinne G. Carney | Buildings Management Division |
| Langdon T. Crane, Jr. | Science Policy Research Division |
| Kevin B. Curtin | Photoduplication Service |
| Thelma L. Hiland | Education and Public Welfare Division |
| Gail L. Hitchcock | Systems Assurance Office |
| Hseo Chin Jen | Asian Division |
| Shirley L. Johnson | Collections Management Division |
| Betty E. Jones | MARC Editorial Division |
| Aleksandra Kadilis | Acquisitions and Processing Division |

## STAFF INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DECORATING THE LIBRARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE

Members of the Library's Welfare and Recreation Association have chosen the Christmas tree for the Great Hall of the Library of Congress Building (see photograph at left) and have also selected trees for the foyer of the Thomas Jefferson Building and the grounds between the two buildings.

This year staff members are asked to participate in decorating the tree. New decorations are needed and each employee is invited to donate one large ornament or other decoration for the tree in the Great Hall. Persons wishing to assist in this effort should come to the Great Hall on Tuesday, December 19, during one of the following periods—9 to 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Ornaments or decorations may also be left in the Welfare and Recreation Office, LCB-G100, on Wednesday, December 13, Friday, December 15, or Monday, December 18, between noon and 1 p.m.

There will be an antique toy collection arranged by the Exhibits Office under the tree in the Great Hall for viewing during the holidays.

The annual WRA carol sing will take place this year on Thursday, December 21, at 2 p.m.

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| Thomas H. Kang | Asian Division |
| Felix P. Krayeski, Jr. | CRS Office of Automated Information Services |
| John E. Martin, Jr. | Licensing Division |
| Janet R. Meserve | Subject Cataloging Division |
| Andrey Polushkin | Science and Technology Division |
| Anthony B. Poole | Financial Management Office |
| Annie M. Ross | Preservation Office |
| Parkash Samuel | Subject Cataloging Division |
| Suanne Z. Thamm | Collections Management Division |
| Woodrow W. Wallace, Jr. | Photoduplication Service |
| Marc Douglas Yacker | Government Division |
| Kengo Yasumatsu | Shared Cataloging Division |

### PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Melba D. Adams** has been named assistant chief of the Decimal Classification Division, effective November 6, replacing Edna E. Van Syoc, who retired August 31. After experience in teaching and various phases of librarianship, including service as an army librarian in Germany, Mrs. Adams came to the Library of Congress in October 1960 as a descriptive cataloger. Following assignments in two sections of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, she joined the Decimal Classification Division in August 1966 as a decimal classification specialist, in which capacity she has received several outstanding performance ratings.

Mrs. Adams is a graduate of Bennett College and received her graduate degree in library science from what is now North Carolina Central University. Among special activities at the Library of Congress, she has been an equal opportunity counselor, and, for six weeks in 1972, represented the division and the Library as a decimal classification expert at the British National Bibliography (now part of the British Library), an experience that she described in an article for *Library Resources and Technical Services*.

**Appointments:** Leland Beck, legislative attorney, GS-11, CRS A, 5934; E. Richard Bourdon, analyst in housing, GS-12, CRS E, 5877; Walter Giuliano, senior programmer, GS-12, ASO, 5843; Robert Gubler, deck attendant (trainee), GS-3, Ser, OP RS-101; William Jackson, analyst in money and banking, GS-13, CRS E, 5878; James McMahon, library technician, GS-4, LL Eur, 6097.

**Promotions:** Donna Cauthen, LERO, to cataloger (advanced trainee), GS-7, Cop Cat, 6093; Carolyn Colbert, to assistant division secretary, GS-6, CRS F, 5946; James Hairston, to routing assistant, GS-5, E&G, 6103; Margaret Neeley, Ov Op, to secretary, GS-6, Preserv, 6030; Robert Shields, to library assistant, GS-7, Rare Bk, 6193; Leon Soroka, Photodup, to searcher, GS-6, E&G, 5970.

**CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S HOURS ANNOUNCED**

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, all Library of Congress buildings will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, 1979. On Sunday, December 24, and Sunday, December 31, all Library reading rooms and study facilities will be closed, but the exhibition halls in the Library of Congress Building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Normal weekend service will be offered on Saturday, December 23, and Saturday, December 30.

**Transfer:** George Lanier, Cat Publ, to licensing specialist, GS-7, Cop Lic, 5992.

**Resignations:** James Burleson, Cop Exam; James L. Burrows, Jr., Cop Acq & Proc; Tawei Chung, Photodup; Millicent Johnson, CRS Gov; James Mellom, Trng.

## STAFF ACTIVITIES

On November 7, **James H. Hutson,** coordinator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Office, Manuscript Division, was a commentator on Robert E. Osgood's paper, "The American Conception of National Security: An Historical Survey," at the Lehrman Institute in New York City.

**Wayne D. Shirley** of the Music Division has prepared the sleeve notes for the Smithsonian Institution's recently released album of music from George Gershwin's *Oh, Kay!* This album is part of the Smithsonian's American Musical Theater Series, which attempts to reconstruct important American musical shows through the use of recordings by artists who were part of authentic early productions. Performers on the *Oh, Kay!* album include Gertrude Lawrence, who created the title role, members of the cast of the first London production, and George Gershwin himself playing the piano. Mr. Shirley's notes are addressed to the interested listener rather than the scholar; nonetheless the notes contain what is probably the most extensive plot summary of *Oh, Kay!* yet and a moderately detailed consideration of the songs, including an explanation of the puzzling words to "Someone to Watch over Me."

A "Conference on AACR 2" was held on October 13 in Buffalo, sponsored by the Western New York Library Resources Council. Judith Hopkins, head of original cataloging, State University of New York at Buffalo, introduced the topic by describing the development of cataloging rules, focusing at the end on the history of the AACR 2 revision effort. **Ben Tucker,** principal descriptive cataloger, Library of Congress, spoke on the implications of AACR 2 for catalogers at the Library of Congress and for catalogers in other libraries. Liz Bishoff, director, Ela Area Public Library System, Lake Zurich, Ill., addressed the conference on the subject of the effect AACR 2 will have on reference librarians and on library patrons. Nancy Williamson, professor, Library School, University of Toronto, concluded the session by discussing the implications of AACR 2 for administrators of libraries of all types.

**Francis S. Wagner,** cataloger in the Subject Cataloging Division, delivered a lecture entitled "The National Consciousness of the Peasantry in Czechoslovakia and Hungary After World War II" at the ninth world Congress of the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences held at the Cleveland State University in Ohio on October 27. Based on selected multilingual literature and unpublished sources, he analyzed the post-1945 socioeconomic conditions, the effects of the process of industrialization, internal migration, and the collectivization of agriculture in order to show the people's role in public life and changing attitudes toward interethnic relations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Paul and Betsy Reid** are the parents of a baby boy, Peter Emanuel, born October 30 at Georgetown University Hospital. Mr. Reid is a bibliographer in the State Documents Section of the Exchange and Gift Division, and Mrs. Reid is with AT&T.

The **WRA Choral Society** will present a combined Christmas, sign-language concert at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, in the Coolidge Auditorium, under the codirectorship of Maxine Christian, Leontine Connolly, and John Watson. Miss Connolly, who has been a member of the society for 20 years, will retire from the Library on the day after the concert.

# APPENDIX

## REPORTS ON THE 44TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS
### Štrbské Pleso, Czechoslovakia, August 27-September 2, 1978

**[Editor's note: The following reports were submitted by Henriette D. Avram, David Carrington, Margaret Coughlan, Frank Kurt Cylke, Nathan Einhorn, Gilbert Gude, Virginia Haviland, Joseph Price, Lucia Rather, Mary Sauer, and William J. Welsh.]**

The High Tatras mountains of Czechoslovakia in Štrbské Pleso provided the setting for the 44th Council Meeting of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Participants reached the conference center by shuttlebuses from air terminals in Prague and Poprad and the railstation in Struba.

The conference theme, "Universal Availability of Publications," was carried out in many of the division and section programs and meetings.

### EXHIBITIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Through the diligent efforts of the Czechoslovak Organizing Committee, participants in the meeting were afforded several opportunities to become better acquainted with Czechoslovak librarianship, culture, and the unique natural beauty of the host country. Of particular interest was the "Czechoslovak Librarianship and Book Culture Exhibition" which was officially opened on August 27 with opening remarks by Helena Kolárová, Ministerstro Kultúry S.S.R. and chair of the Organizing Committee as well as Preben Kirkegaard, Rector, Royal School of Librarianship, Denmark, and president of IFLA. This exhibition illustrated the history of book production and illumination in the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic as well as contemporary developments in the areas of Czechoslovak librarianship—particularly in public, scientific, and research libraries.

Another exhibition which also was officially opened on August 27 for the benefit of conference participants was the BIB—Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava. An international competition for illustrations from children's books, the BIB is organized every other year in the capitol of Slovakia. The popularity which this competition enjoys within Czechoslovakia was quite evident, as indicated by both the size of the exhibition and the appreciation of those attending the opening.

Several cultural events were also scheduled during the conference, including a concert on August 27 by the State Philharmonic Košice, known for its symphonic performances of Slovak composers. Under the baton of Bystrik Rezucha, the Philharmonic provided a stimulating and enjoyable evening with performances of Bedrich Smetana's "The Moldau" (from the symphonic poem, *My Country*), *Symphony No. 9 in E Minor* (Opus No. 95) by Antonín Dvorák, and *Our Slovakia Overture* by Mikulás Moyzes.

An evening of chamber music was also provided on August 29, with a concert by the relatively new Košice Quartet which was founded in 1972 by the State Philharmonic Košice. The program offered conference participants the opportunity to hear and enjoy a variety of string selections, including an anonymous 17th-century *Baroque Suite in D*, a string quartet by Leoš Janaček and Antonín Dvořák's *String Quartet in F Major*, Opus No. 96 ("American").

Demonstrations and performances of folk music and dance ensembles unique to Czechoslovakia provided many of the participants with a pleasant opportunity to learn more about the country's cultural heritage. Particularly noteworthy were performances by the Folk Ensemble Liptov which has preserved many of the dance traditions and interpretations from the central region of Slovakia, and the Folk Dance and Song Ensemble Zeleziar which reflects many of the Eastern Slovakia folk traditions. In addition, the Children's Song and Dance Ensemble Tatranka provided a delightful repertory which demonstrated the particular musical heritage shared by inhabitants of the Tatra region.

Near the end of the conference, participants were given an opportunity to meet socially and informally with their colleagues at a Tatra Party held on August 31 by the Czechoslovak Organizing Committee. Originally scheduled as an outdoor festival at Bear Meadow in the High Tatras mountains, unanticipated bad weather forced the party to begin at the enclosed sports stadium in nearby Poprad. In addition to visiting with each other, enjoying a variety of traditional musical performances and partaking of Slovak culinary specialties, the IFLA attendees were given a special treat by way of an ice hockey competition

between two local town teams. Quite unexpectedly, this was followed by an inpromptu game between some of the local young men and a team comprised of IFLA's more energetic, agile, and athletic delegates. Due in no small way to humorous assistance from the local competition, the IFLA team rallied several times and managed to tie—much to the surprise and amusement of all.

Toward evening, as the weather improved, the festivities were moved to their originally scheduled location high in the Tatras Mountains. By the light and warmth of several bonfires many of the participants enthusiastically joined in group singing. The feeling of international camaraderie and friendship generated by this Tatra Party effectively complemented the seminars, working sessions, and meetings of the conference—thereby contributing even further to international cooperation among libraries.

## OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the 44th Council Meeting of IFLA was an impressive event, demonstrative of the excellent care and planning performed by the Czechoslovak Organizing Committee. Two long lines of brightly costumed performers, ladies to the left, gentlemen to the right, filed in quietly on each side of the audience and lined up on either side of the head table. Once assembled and positioned, each group burst into beautiful and stirring folk songs, with each song introduced by a solo cantor type lead, followed by combinations of unison and harmony within that gender's group, subsequently answered, antiphonally, by the other gender group. Many of the male's songs were introduced by chant-like passages, from a long, bassoon shaped instrument called the slovak pipes. The music ranged from slow, plaintive melodies, to fast moving, harmonically and rhythmically rich, festive, and joyous song. Concluding this wonderful and moving display was a slow procession down the center aisle of additional costumed people carrying ceremonial bread to the head table to be broken and shared by those seated.

Following these opening performances, the various dignitaries at the head table presented prepared remarks. First, Preben Kirkegaard delivered the presidential address in which he thanked the Czechoslovakian hosts and the officers and staff of IFLA for all the hard work which they had done during the previous year. Mr. Kirkegaard, in referring to the conference theme of "Universal Availability of Publications" (UAP), remarked that the challenges to librarians in providing UAP and international cooperation in general are made all the more difficult by the strident economic regression throughout the globe. He referred to the welcome growth in IFLA and IFLA activities but also noted that these necessary increased activities require more financial resources. He stated that clearly the issue facing IFLA leadership is to seek ways and means to ensure a reasonable balance between growth and management. Along those lines, Mr. Kirkegaard praised the cooperation between IFLA and UNESCO and its General Information Programme and he credited the many contributions of governments and agencies towards the goals and objectives of IFLA. He cautioned, however, that support from such sources would only be continued if IFLA members can prove that they also have intensified their own support and effort and if IFLA can manage its increased activity.

Mr. Lúčan, deputy prime minister of the Federal Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, then presented his welcoming remarks to the attendees. Mr. Lúčan briefly reviewed the history of written culture in Czechoslovakia, which began in the nineth century, through the printing of the first book in Czechoslovakia (in 1468), and on into the 20th century about which he reported a number of statistics. According to Mr. Lúčan, Czechoslovakia has 100 professional theatre groups, 40 galleries, almost 500 museums, over 3,000 cinemas in the state network, and 10,000 cultural and educational centers. Over 30,000 societies of folklore and over 20,000 ethnographical, scientific, and technical societies are active. Czechoslovakia has almost 45,000 libraries and annually publishes almost 7,000 book titles in print runs of 81 million.

Adam Wysocki, director, Division of General Information Program, UNESCO, next addressed the conferees, and conveyed the greetings and best wishes of the director general of UNESCO. Mr. Wysocki recalled that in 1978 UNESCO and IFLA were celebrating the 30th anniversary of their consultative relations which began in 1948. He reviewed the highlights of UNESCO/IFLA cooperation, particularly the International Congress on National Bibliographies jointly convened in 1977 by UNESCO and IFLA. Mr. Wysocki conveyed the good news that most of the IFLA program requests were taken into account in the execution of UNESCO's regular program, for example, UNESCO projects in the development of public libraries in Africa and training courses for teachers, managers, and librarians, and that in the program for the coming 1979-80 biennium, to be

discussed and approved by the UNESCO 20th General Conference this year, further library activities are foreseen. Mr. Wysocki stated that important amounts of money are earmarked for Bibliographic Control, for Universal Availability of Publications, for the improvement of libraries in less-developed countries, and for training and education of librarians. Mr. Wysocki concluded by expressing UNESCO's wishes for continued fruitful cooperation with IFLA on activities already planned and those which will be defined in a more distant future. H. Kolářová, chair of the Czechoslovakian Organizing Committee, then welcomed the conferees and briefly touched on some of the highlights of librarianship in Czechoslovakia. She reported that since the founding of the library in Charles University in Prague in the 14th century, libraries have played a significant role in the development of the nation's culture, education, and economy. She referred to the 60 years of library legislation in Czechoslovakia, beginning with the first act, in 1919, which provided for the creation of a library in every village, to the act of 1959, which called for a unified national library system. Within this system, there are 45,000 libraries of various kinds with combined collections of 150 million books and materials amounting to 10 volumes per capita with eight loans per person per annum. She concluded her remarks by emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in library work and expressing her pleasure that the sponsoring of the IFLA 44th Council by Czechoslovakia continues an established tradition of Czechoslovakian contributions to international cooperation in librarianship.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of IFLA met before and during the Council Meeting, chaired by Preben Kirkegaard. It was reported that 518 delegates from 53 countries attended the 44th Council Meeting. An additional 114 Slovak librarians attended, and there were 151 organizers and interpreters assisting; 68 papers were presented in 134 meetings.

The board will publish the audited accounts in the *IFLA Journal*. A proposal to raise dues from .1 percent of the national assessments to UNESCO to .15 percent will be submitted to the council in 1979. Future conference sites and dates are Copenhagen, August 27-September 1, 1979 (Council and Conference); Manila, August 25-30, 1980 (Conference); Leipzig, August 17-23, 1981 (Council and Conference; Montreal, August 24-29, 1982 (Conference); and Munich, 1983 (Council and Conference). The Special Libraries Division will meet in cooperation with the U.S. Special Libraries Association and the Japan Special Libraries Association on June 9-14, 1979.

An evaluation committee on publications policy chaired by IFLA treasurer J. P. Clavel, Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire, Lausanne, gave a provisional report on IFLA's publications. It was decided to continue the IFLA Annual as the official document but for the next two years it will be in reduced form without the reports of member associations. The IFLA Directory will remain an annual publication.

Contributions to the development of the program for Universal Availability of Publications have been received: $24,000 ($12,000 annually for the next two years) from the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and DM 10,000 from Verlag Dokumentation (Saur). There have been indications of support from national libraries. If the UNESCO General Conference approves, UNESCO will sponsor two UAP projects, a study into possible patterns of worldwide availability of publications and a study into the availability of publications in individual countries. The Executive and Professional Boards will support the proposed UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference on UAP scheduled for 1981 and a UAP Steering Committee was established.

## PROFESSIONAL BOARD

The Professional Board held its open meeting on August 27 chaired by E. R. S. Fifoot, United Kingdom, to present the activities of the Board to the IFLA membership and to request ideas for future work. The Professional Board is made up of the chairmen of each of the eight divisions and the steering committees.

There was some discussion concerning IFLA meetings. Although meetings are held annually, Council meetings, when elections for officers and the executive board are held, occur only once every two years.

It was requested that there be earlier announcement of the details of each conference, so that divisions and sections have sufficient time for preparation.

The topic of IFLA meeting themes was discussed and suggestions made such as (1) that a theme should not be yearly, but continue over a few years or (2) that IFLA should have a single general theme, such as Resource Building or Resource Sharing or International Cooperation for Librarianship.

The problems of communicating to the IFLA

membership and the profession at large was discussed and the IFLA journal and the journals of the associations were mentioned as possible partial solutions to the problem of the lack of dissemination of information.

The chair introduced the need for developing new medium-term programs and stated his interest in having ideas for major themes for divisions and sections. The chair also announced that in the future the board intended to assume a broader review of all IFLA professional activities and the relationships that existed between groups within IFLA as well as outside of IFLA.

COUNCIL MEETING I

This session of the 44th Council Meeting of IFLA was convened on August 28 with President Kirkegaard in the chair.

The first item of business was the proposal to enlarge the Executive Board (because of the press of business and the increased activities of the association) from five to seven elected members. The two additional members, it was suggested, would be elected at the 1979 council meeting "with at least one seat earmarked for a representative from a developing country." Objections were raised that this approach is undemocratic, and Mr. Kirkegaard explained that it was the Executive Board's intention simply to urge the membership to nominate more candidates from developing areas. Discussion resulted in suggested wording of the desire to "achieve representation from all parts of the world, particularly the developing areas," which was accepted and approved.

In the absence of the treasurer, J. P. Clavel, who was ill, the first vice president, H. C. Campbell of Canada, presented the treasurer's report. Because of special grants received during the year for the support of the UBC office in London, it appeared that there was a surplus. If these grants were not considered, the association actually had a deficit for the year. There may be a small surplus in 1979, but because of currency devaluations, this is not likely. Beginning in 1980 the calculation of national fees will be on a percentage basis expressed in guilders, rather than in dollars. Following a discussion of the problem of members whose dues had not been paid for more than two years, and who are therefore subject to exclusion, John Lorenz, Association of Research Libraries, proposed that a written notice be sent to these members, giving them the choice of paying or having the question of expulsion from the association voted on at the 1979 Council. The proposal was accepted.

The IFLA *Progress Report,* 1977, which had been printed in the *IFLA Journal,* Vol. 4 (1978), No. 2, was accepted, as was the report of the Professional Board, presented by its chair, E. R. S. Fifoot of Edinburgh University.

Maurice B. Line, director of the IFLA Office for International Lending, in giving the Universal Availability of Publications progress report, said that future funding for an IFLA Office for UAP was still an unsolved problem but that prospects were bright. The suggestion of UNESCO for an intergovernmental conference on UAP in 1981 or 1982 would really guarantee the success of UAP.

The Martinus Nijhoff Study Grant for this year was awarded to Kenneth Nartey of Ghana. This annual grant was established in 1977 and is open to teachers of library science in developing countries (not over 40 years of age) who wish to have opportunity to study for 10 to 15 weeks in Europe.

In his report, W. R. H. Koops, chair of the Publications Committee, listed the IFLA publications which had been issued during the year.

It was announced that the theme of the 45th IFLA Congress, to be held in Copenhagen in 1979, would be "Library Legislation and Management."

COUNCIL MEETING II

President Kirkegaard opened the meeting on Friday, September 1, by reviewing work that took place during the 44th Congress. He commended all participants for "constructive innovation" and noted that many substantive proposals for action had been received by the Executive Board.

Special appreciation was directed to the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science and to Verlag Dokumentation of the Federal Republic of Germany for monetary gifts to permit pursuance of specific IFLA projects.

UNESCO was singled out for attention. Mr. Kirkegaard stated—to general applause—that $2,295,000 of the $5,192,000 budget of UNESCO's 1979 General Information Program was to be devoted for programs active in development of national information infrastructures.

The following resolutions, which were received from the various professional meetings held during the Congress, were accepted and referred for implementation.

(1) The Special Libraries Division recommends that in keeping with the chosen theme of the conference a plenary session be held at the 45th IFLA meeting at Copenhagen on problems of copyright law.

(2) Because the service and use of AV media is common to public libraries, children's libraries, school libraries and libraries for hospital patients and handicapped people, it is considered that the working group for AV material should extend its studies over all the libraries mentioned. The Section of Public Libraries recommends that this working group shall no longer be connected with the Section of Public Libraries as it is now, but–as requested by the working group itself–with the Division of Libraries serving the General Public as a whole. This decision is endorsed by the Section of Library work with Children, Section of School Libraries, and Section of Libraries for Hospital Patients and Handicapped People.

(3) One of the main concerns of the public library must be to educate potential users through its own activities and by cooperation with other agencies. Because there is a need for an exchange of ideas and experiences from those who are active in this field, the Section of Public Libraries suggests:

(a) that material on this subject be gathered from different countries of the world and made available through a publication,

(b) that Mr. B. Rugaas and Mrs. M. A. Hulshoff–who introduced this theme during the conference in Štrbské Pleso–be asked to plan such a publication with an estimate of costs and

(c) that after consideration by the Standing Committee this plan be sent to the Professional Board for approval.

(4) At its meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 1978, the Section of Library Services to Hospital Patients and Handicapped Readers agreed to revise the *IFLA Standards for Libraries in Hospitals (general service)* published in 1969, and to expand them to include services to the housebound, institutions, day centers, etc. To accomplish this task a Working Group of not more than 6 members will be set up.

(5) DIVISION OF COLLECTIONS AND SERVICES:

(a) Considers the proposal of UNESCO that an Intergovernmental Conference on UAP should be convened in 1981/2 of utmost importance and urges the Executive Board and the Professional Board of IFLA as well as the Steering Committee on UAP to accept this proposal and take all necessary measures to help UNESCO with the preparation of the documents for the Conference.

(b) Decides that the medium-term programmes of the Sections of the Division of Collections and Services be reconsidered and reedited so that they should provide for the conducting of studies which would help the preparation of the documents of the projected UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference on UAP.

(c) Urges the Coordinating Board of the Division to contact the Coordinating Boards of other IFLA Divisions and discuss with them possible cooperative studies and other interdivisional ventures aimed at the preparation of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Conference.

(6) The Section on Interlending urges IFLA to prepare proposals for a study, possibly funded by UNESCO, into the likely effects of copying fees on authors, publishers, libraries and users. IFLA should consult with the International Publishers Association with a view to considering whether a joint proposal can be made.

(7) The Open Session of the Section of Serial Publications at the 1978 Congress takes the view that there is a strong need for the establishment of guidelines for union lists of serials and suggests to the Professional Board that this is a Project very much within the spirit of UAP and that ways and means of provision funds for this Project should be explored.

(8) The Section on Rare Books and Manuscripts recommends the setting up of an international advisory committee of experts to supervise the furtherance of the Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendzucke (GKW) and which will examine requests from the Deutsche Staatsbibliothek, who is responsible for the GKW, to UNESCO and advise UNESCO. The Committee will be nominated by the Section and will each year report to the Section.

(9) Because of the lack of information about the effects of different climatic conditions on the planning and design of library buildings the Section on Library Building and Equipment requests IFLA should make possible a gathering of experts in a tropical country, preferably Nigeria in 1981. The object would be the pooling of information acquired in different conditions particularly to help librarians planning buildings in developing countries in tropical areas.

(10) The IFLA Working Group on Library History gathered at its first meeting on Wednesday the 30th of August 1978 in Štrbské Pleso recommends that library history should be an important component in library education.

(11) The Division of Regional Activities endorses the following resolution:

*Recognizing* the vital role of integrated library, documentation and archive services in national development programmes in developing countries, and the importance of the NATIS programme, formulated by UNESCO in 1974 in this context, *noting* the varying levels of development and extent of need for such services in the developing countries, and the significant progress already achieved in the formulation and

execution of plans for imitating NATIS in some of these areas, and *noting* further the need for reinforcing the original concept in the NATIS programmes retained in the UNESCO General Information Programme *resolves* to urge the IFLA Council Meeting at Strbske Pleso, C.S.S.R., to recommend that UNESCO continue to promote the NATIS concept in spirit and practical reality as an important part of the General Information Programme and actively pursue this objective by convening a second NATIS conference as originally proposed.

(12) The Steering Committee for UAP, in furtherance of the programme of UAP and as a practical step towards the realization of the concept of NATIS, requests the Executive Board to invite UNESCO to prepare an Intergovernmental Conference on UAP in 1981.

M. Wijnstroom, secretary general, announced that all resolutions had not been submitted in appropriate form and that those would be addressed at a later meeting of the Professional Board.

Mr. Kirkegaard introduced Russell Shank, president of the American Library Association, who, following an expression of "admiration and respect for our Czechoslovakian hosts and staff," indicated that the American Library Association wished to "call IFLA to support the final act of the Helsinki accord." Mr. Shank noted that

. . . it is our view that IFLA can hardly conduct a conference with the theme "Universal Availability of Publications" without recognizing that many people of the world are denied access by governmental action to information and publications otherwise generally available throughout the world. IFLA cannot on the one hand profess the high ideals of the free flow of information and publications among nations and work vigorously to create mechanisms to facilitate this flow, and on the other hand ignore the actions of others whose primary purpose is to forbid the free expression of ideas and the flow of information and publications.

The Council of the American Library Association has noted and expressed its strong objection to the shutting down of newspapers in South Africa, and the imprisonment or banning of 19 of their editors. We have received a number of reports from American librarians travelling abroad that personal copies of books, journals and newspapers have been confiscated by customs officials, seemingly in direct contradiction to the terms of the Florence and Beirut Agreements. . . .

Manila, Philippines, was announced as the IFLA selection as a 1980 Congress site. It was pointed out that 12,000 hotel rooms were available, no visas are required, and special airline discount tickets will be offered.

In concluding the 44th Congress President Kirkegaard thanked all participants for their intellectual contributions, cited the Secretariat for their devoted work and high standards, and offered his personal regard for the good work of all interpreters.

## CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES

Directors of National Libraries travelled by bus from the IFLA conference site to the National Library of Slovakia at Martin where they were welcomed by the library director. The fifth meeting of the directors was chaired by Sir Harry Hookway, executive director of The British Library Board, and S. P. Green, The British Library Board, served as secretary.

The request made to the IFLA Executive Board to enable the national library directors to be accommodated in the IFLA structure was reported on by Guy Sylvestre, National Library of Canada. Mr. Sylvestre explained in order to have directors contribute to IFLA programs and to ensure the fullest cooperation between the Conference of Directors and IFLA, the request suggested a member of the IFLA Professional Board attend the Conferences of Directors. The Conference of Directors of National Libraries will be in the IFLA structure directly under the Executive Board. IFLA President Preben Kirkegaard's letter confirming the Executive Board's decision to grant the request indicated the prospect this would bring closer cooperation between the Conference of Directors of National Libraries and IFLA.

R. E. Coward, British Library, chair of the International MARC Network Study Steering Committee, reported on the work of the Steering Committee. The committee's report has now been published by the IFLA UBC Office. The study of copyright issues affecting the supply and use of MARC records is being carried out by a consultant, and the report will be completed before the end of the year.

The Conference approved the following statement proposed by Mr. Coward. The International MARC Network Library Committee Program for 1978-79 is

"To receive and disseminate the report on the supply and use of MARC records;

"To prepare a program for MARC Network Development specifying the tasks and indicating the mechanisms to be used; and

"To make proposals for establishing an appropriate MARC Network Coordinating Body."

The chair reported on the status of the problem of international loans for exhibitions which was turned over to the IFLA Secretariat following the last meeting. A working group is studying the problem, and their report is expected by the end of the year and will be discussed with other international groups having an interest in this.

Directors were requested to send written views and comments on a study entitled "Proposals for an International Model Clause for the Reprography of Printed Texts Held in Libraries or Documentation Centres" to George Le Rider, administrator general, Bibliothèque National, by the end of the year.

G. Chandler, director general, National Library of Australia, provided a summary of responses to the questionnaires on the role of national libraries.

Review by the conference of an informational paper by M. Line, Boston Spa, on "The Role of National Libraries in Furthering the Universal Availability of Publications" resulted in the suggestion by C. Reedijk, national librarian, The Hague, to suggest national librarians support UAP; the speaker volunteered 500 pds. for UAP.

Based on a discussion paper prepared by the chair, the conference established some priorities for future agenda. The 1979 program will include the MARC Network Study, a follow-up on M. Le Rider's proposals on reprography, and, in keeping with the IFLA theme, library legislation and management.

## DIVISION OF GENERAL RESEARCH LIBRARIES

The division held program meetings on August 28 and 31 at which four papers were presented to address the problem of the supply of periodical literature in centralized or decentralized national information systems. Division chair Guy Sylvestre presided and introduced the speakers. In the absence of K. Kalaydzieva, director, National Library of Bulgaria, her paper, "UAP and its Relevance to National Libraries from the Viewpoint of a Small Country," was presented by V. Popov. Esko Hakli, librarian-professor, Helsinki University, spoke on the provision of periodical literature to users experience from Finland and of the Scandinavian cooperation. At the program meeting on August 31, S. B. Aje, national librarian of Nigeria, gave a paper on the "Provision of Periodical Literature to Users in Nigeria," and William J. Welsh, Deputy Librarian of Congress, spoke on "Progress in the United States Toward a National Periodicals System."

Meetings of the division's Coordinating Board were held August 27 and September 1 chaired by Guy Sylvestre. The board is composed of officers of the Sections of National Libraries, University Libraries and Other General Research Libraries, and Parliamentary Libraries.

The board agreed that general IFLA themes might be helpful in some years but not all and that themes should be made known well in advance. The divisional theme in 1979 will again be centralization and decentralization of resources in national information systems and papers will be presented at an open program meeting; sections may wish to arrange meetings on the IFLA theme, "Library Legislation." Draft terms of reference for the board, prepared by the Secretary E. R. S. Fifoot, Edinburgh University Library, will be submitted to the IFLA Professional Board. For better communication greater use will be made of the *IFLA Journal*. Consideration will be given at the 1979 meeting to future programs for IFLA as a whole.

### Section on National Libraries

Guy Sylvestre chaired the open meeting of the section on August 29 at which the paper on a model law for legal deposit was discussed. The need for such a study arose out of the 1977 UNESCO/IFLA International Congress on National Bibliographies. The study was praised for its value and usefulness and revisions were suggested. Section members were given until October 31 to make written comments on the study. The revised study will be made available to section members in advance of the meeting at Copenhagen in 1979 where the topic will again be discussed at the section's open meeting.

### Section on Parliamentary Libraries

The following parliamentary librarians participated in the first meeting of the section on August 31: Wolfgang Dietz, Federal Republic of Germany; Gilbert Gude, United States; Erik Spicer, Canada; Max Boesch, Switzerland; Gunnel Bohman, Sweden; and Olaf Torp Norway. Hilma Celik replaced the retired Melih Ege, Turkey.

It was agreed that the section will request from all countries that have statutory requirements for establishing and maintaining parliamentary libraries, a copy of the text of their respective library statutes. A compilation of these statutes is to be developed by the section secretary and made available to the standing committee members as early as possible at the 1979 meeting.

The program of the Parliamentary Libraries Section for the 1979 meeting in Copenhagen was approved:

election of a new chair and secretary; papers on "New Parliamentary Library Buildings" to be presented, with reports on new building by Messrs. Hvidt of Copenhagen, Schaumann of Helsinki, and Torp of Oslo; and, inspection of the new Parliamentary Library in Copenhagen.

It was urged that enlargement of the Standing Committee should be a prime objective of the section. Since in many countries, membership in IFLA is held by only a few library associations or individual libraries, and since members can enroll in only two sections, the parliamentary libraries of these countries are not represented. Hence, it is necessary that parliamentary libraries which are not yet members of IFLA request an IFLA member in their country to acquire additional membership in the Parliamentary Libraries Section at an increased contribution of $30.

The secretary was requested to draft a letter, addressed to all parliamentary libraries, explaining general election procedures, and pointing out the possibility of additional membership.

The topic "Utilization of International Data Banks" was seen as a useful subject for future discussions between parliamentary librarians and members of the Parliamentary Auxiliary Services. Range of participation and problems to be dealt with are to be discussed again in Copenhagen.

It was agreed that the section should concentrate on activities that encourage a continuous flow of information and the strengthening of personal contacts; these types of activities are most appropriate to the needs and requirements of parliamentary libraries.

A sample bibliography submitted by the library of the German Bundestag was approved. It will be sent to all parliamentary libraries. All parliamentary libraries are requested to draw up appropriate bibliographies to be sent to the section secretary not later than June 30, 1979. The secretary will make these available to all other parliamentary libraries. It was agreed that a compilation of bibliographies of all parliaments should not be undertaken at this time.

It was also agreed that no bibliographies of parliamentarian biographies should be undertaken except those being developed within the framework of the European Center for Parliamentary Science and Documentation. A list of all parliamentary libraries will be developed in cooperation with the International Centre of Parliamentary Documentation in Geneva.

It was agreed that content standardization of parliamentary manuals should be limited to developing a recommended list of all information desirable in a parliamentary manual.

The publication of a manual of parliamentary libraries will be developed; in order to avoid a voluminous questionnaire, the secretary will first submit a short description of the German Bundestag library which will be sent as a sample to all other parliamentary libraries with the request that they provide similar information sheets.

The following were named as official observers for one year: Max Boesch of Switzerland, Hilma Celik of Turkey, J. Grootaers of Belgium, Kristian Hvidt of Denmark, Arti G. Kunst of The Netherlands, H. de S. C. MacLean of New Zealand, Jacques Premont of Canada, Mr. Reid of Luxemburg, Mr. Schaumann of Finland, Olaf Torp of Norway, and Mr. Weir of Australia.

The second meeting of the section was attended by 21 congress participants from 16 countries. Gilbert Gude described the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress, of which he is director. Following the presentation, there was discussion of several items mentioned: the treatment of confidential requests by the Congressional Research Service; priorities in dealing with requests (committees or individual Members of parliament); the relationship between executive and the legislature with regard to the provision of mutual information, including reciprocity in surrendering important investigations; the listing of confidential requests within the service; and, possible use of confidential material in the case of similar requests at a later date.

The third meeting was attended by 15 persons from 14 countries. After a short introduction by the chair, the section secretary spoke about the work of the section, including a short review of its activities over the last 20 years. During the subsequent discussion on current and longer-term tasks, the attending members reaffirmed their willingness to work toward the fulfillment of the agenda items discussed at the first meeting. The section adjourned until the 1979 Copenhagen meeting.

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